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EXAMINATION REFORM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the focus group of NCERT has suggested some radical measures on examination reforms as reported in the `Times of India` dated April 23,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the recommendations made by the focus group have been sent to CBSE and State Examination Boards; and

(d) if so, the response of CBSE and State Examination Boards thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRIM.A.A.FATM1)

(a) and (b) National Focus Group on examination reform constituted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has recommended several examination-related reforms including shift in the typology of questions, flexibility of time in answering the questions, introduction of the grading system in place of marks, promoting school based continuous and comprehensive evaluation, flexibility in choosing the subjects, making class X Board examination optional for those who want to continue study in the next class in the same school and making examination less stressful, and student friendly etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.,

(d) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and some State Examination Boards have initiated action on some of the recommendation such as giving extra time to read thei question paper, weightage to internal assessment in various subjects, introduction of grading, continuous and comprehensive evaluation etc.